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1. SECTION A

- A. NO ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS WITH GOS.
- B. NO OBLIGATIONS OR EXPENDITURES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.
- C. NO EQUIPMENT HAS EVER BEEN PROVIDED.
- D. NO SUPPORT COSTS.
- E. NO ONE TRAINED WITH SECTION 482 FUNDS EITHER IN-COUNTRY,
IN THE REGION OR IN THE U.S. DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1 -DECEMBER 31,
1974.
- F. THERE ARE TWO U.S. PERSONNEL (BOTH DEA) AT POST DEVOTING MORE
THAN 50 PERCENT OF TIME TO NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES.

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2. SECTION B

A. SUMMARY:

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THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD CONCERNS THE VERY RECENT MANPOWER AND BUDGET PROBLEMS OF THE CENTRAL NARCOTICS BUREAU.

CNB OFFICERS ON THREE YEAR LOAN FROM THE POLICE AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT RETURNED TO THEIR PARENT ORGANIZATIONS AT THE END OF CY-1974. THIS REDUCED THE MANPOWER LEVEL TO 14. A RECRUITING EXERCISE, WHICH BEGAN IN SEPTEMBER, RESULTED IN 470 APPLICATIONS FOR 45 OPENINGS. A SCHEME OF SERVICE DEVELOPED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, WHICH ELIMINATED FOR CNB OFFICERS MANY PRIVILEGES ENJOYED BY POLICE AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS, CAUSED MANY APPLICANTS TO DECLINE POSITIONS OFFERED.

ONLY 15 APPLICANTS HAVE ACCEPTED APPOINTMENT BUT WILL UNDERGO A THREE MONTH TRAINING PROGRAM BEFORE BECOMING FULLY OPERATIONAL.

THIS WILL THEN GIVE CNB A TOTAL OF 29 OFFICERS, FAR BELOW THE 45 POSITIONS EXPECTED AND CONSIDERABLY UNDER THE 80 SLOTS IN CNB'S TABLE OF ORGANIZATION. BUDGET SUPPORT FOR SALARIES, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER EXPENSES IS ALSO INSUFFICIENT. REASONS ADVANCED INCLUDE INFLATION, WORLD-WIDE RECESSION AND THE NEED FOR THE GOS TO ECONOMIZE. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT WAS THE WILLINGNESS OF THE GOS TO ARREST AND HOLD FOR EXTRADITION HEARINGS A MAJOR TRAFFICKER CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF U.S. NARCOTIC LAWS. COOPERATION WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERALS CHAMBERS HAS BEEN EXCELLENT. THE RESULTS OF THIS ATTEMPT AT EXTRADITION WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY 1975.

B. ABUSE:

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THE MAJOR CHANGE IN ABUSE PATTERNS IN SINGAPORE HAS BEEN THE INCREASED AVAILABILITY AND USE OF #3 HEROIN. DURING 1973 A TOTAL OF 10 ARRESTS WERE MADE OF HEROIN ABUSERS. THIS FIGURE INCREASED TO 70 BY NOVEMBER 1974 WITH 55 OF THESE TAKING PLACE IN THE PERIOD FROM JULY TO NOVEMBER. THE #3 HEROIN HAS BEEN PRIMARILY "3 ELEPHANT BRAND" WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE MANUFACTURED IN IPOH, MALAYSIA.

THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE GOS'S ATTITUDE TOWARD LOCAL ABUSE. THE GOS CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT DIRECTED AT STREET LEVEL SELLERS AND USERS OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS. WHILE SUPPORTING EFFORTS OF THE USG AT THE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING LEVEL, THEIR OWN EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION REMAIN SECONDARY TO THEIR OWN STREET PROBLEM.

C. PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING: NOT APPLICABLE.

D. TRAFFICKING TRENDS:

THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE PREVIOUS REPORTS.

E. REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION:

GOS ATTENDED UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS CONFERENCE IN BANGKOK DURING SEPTEMBER 1974. THE GOS ALSO HOSTED THE ASEAN PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SOCIOCULTURAL ACTIVITIES HELD IN OCTOBER 1974.

F. EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES:

NOTHING TO REPORT.

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HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR PLANS TO CALL ON PERMSEC MIN HOM AFFAIRS IN FEBRUARY TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER MANPOWER AND BUDGET PROBLEMS IN CNB AND TO URGE THAT GOS GIVE ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES A HIGHER PRIORITYBT END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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G. ENFORCEMENT:

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FROM JULY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1974, GOS ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SEIZED 125 KILOS OF OPIUM, 5.8 KILOS OF MORPHINE AND 1.54 KILOS OF #4 HEROIN. TOTAL FIGURES FOR #3 HEROIN AND MARIHUANA SEIZURES ARE R NOT AVAILABLE. SEIZURES OF THESE TWO DRUGS ARE MADE ALMOST DAILY IN SMALL, USER AMOUNTS. NO LARGE AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN SEIZED AT ONE TIME. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE MAJOR TRAFFICER ARRESTED AT USG REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION PURPOSES, NO TRAFFICERS OF IMPORTANCE WERE APPREHENDED. ALL OF THOSE ARRESTED WITH LARGE AMOUNTS OF DRUGS PROVED TO BE INSIGNIFICANT COURIERS.

THERE HAS BEEN NO NEW LEGISLATION NOR SIGNIFICANT TRENDS IN COURT PROCESSING OF NARCOTIC CASES.

H. INCOME SUBSTITUTION:

NOT APPLICABLE.

8. TREATMENT:REHABILITATION:EDUCATION:

THERE ARE NO USG FINANCED PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES. THE GOS HAS
ALLOCATED \$1 MILLION FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE ST. JOHN'S ISLAND
DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER.
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